

**Iodine Not "Absolute" Contraband.**  
Official copies received at the British embassy of the revised list of contraband just issued by the British government show that iodine was not placed on the absolute contraband list, as reported in London dispatches. Instead of "copper and iodine" being on the list the official copy shows that "copper iodide" was meant.

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## MAY BOSS ARCTIC SHIP.

**Capt. Bartlett Is Expected to Command the Roosevelt.**  
When the Roosevelt, the ship which carried Rear Admiral Peary on his successful north pole expedition, is turned over to the bureau of fisheries she probably will be commanded by Capt. Robert A. Bartlett, her master on the Peary voyage. Secretary Redfield is said to have offered the post to Capt. Bartlett.

The Roosevelt was purchased by the Commerce Department some time ago and is now being converted into an oil burner. She is stanchily built, able to cope with Arctic ice and hidden reefs, and Mr. Redfield plans to use her in Alaskan waters.

## COL. CROOK'S FUNERAL WAITS ON DAUGHTER

**Dead White House Attache Was Familiar Figure in Streets of Washington.**

Arrangements for the funeral of Col. William H. Crook, for more than fifty years a White House attache and one of the best known men in Washington, who died yesterday, are held in abeyance pending the arrival of Col. Crook's only daughter, Mrs. Clarence Brandenburg of Denver.

A telegram received yesterday from Mr. Brandenburg stated that his wife was on her way east and that she probably would arrive in Washington early Tuesday morning. It is expected the funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon, interment to be made in Glenwood cemetery.

Fifty years of service as a White House employee, through the administrations of twelve Presidents, made Col. Crook one of the most familiar figures in the National Capital, and in his old age left him rich in personal friendships at the White House and the peacemaking of President Johnson were among numerous events which Col. Crook recalled in members of his half-century of White House service.

**Lincoln's Bodyguard.**  
He was taken from the Washington police force in 1865 and appointed President Lincoln's bodyguard. Prior to this he had served in the Union army. He accompanied Lincoln on many of his walks and drives, and it was his duty to watch over the President during his public receptions.

Col. Crook told often of how, the afternoon before Lincoln's assassination, the

President had come to him in confidence and told that three successive nights he had had dreams which foretold his murder. Crook thereupon begged the President to go to the theater that evening, as planned. Lincoln insisted, and furthermore, would not hear of Crook accompanying him. He ordered Crook to go home and rest. As they parted, Lincoln failed to say "good night"—the only time he ever failed to say it, said Crook.

Col. Crook also always maintained that the substitute guard that night became interested in the play and left his post of duty, and that if he himself had been present Booth would never have entered the theater box to shoot Lincoln.

It was Col. Crook who, during the next administration, carried to President Johnson the first news of his acquittal on impeachment charges. He served as Johnson's bodyguard, and on the day the verdict was expected he was on hand. When he was told the news he ran all the way from the Capitol to the White House. The President's eyes filled with tears, and he gulped when Col. Crook burst in with the tidings, later thanking him warmly for his trouble.

**Was Grant's Executive Clerk.**

Col. Crook was unusually close to President Grant and the members of his family, and in 1870 he was appointed executive clerk to the President of the United States.

President Grant made him disarming officer of the White House, the position held during the succeeding administration. It was during the Grant administration that life in the White House began to be more ceremonial. Col. Crook told how he drove Ulysses, the President's carriage, away from the White House on occasions before he finally succeeded in killing the President. Grant's assassin, away from the White House on occasions before he finally succeeded in killing the President.

Crook was in one of the White House windows when Garfield was shot and gave the first announcement to the world. While the President was still hovering between life and death Crook heard that he would be helped by some squirrel soup, so he obtained a special permit, shot some squirrels and supplied the soup.

Col. Crook saw five White House marriages. He collected letters and other mementos of the various presidents under whom he served, including notes from all the Presidents, who spoke in the highest terms of his faithfulness and abilities. On the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary of entering the White House as a member of the staff, he celebrated last January, he was presented with a beautiful cane, given by President Wilson and members of the White House staff.

**NO FIREARMS TO GREECE.**

Postal Authorities Issue Regulation on Foreign Shipments.

An order requiring postmasters in the United States not to accept parcel post packages for mailing to Greece which contain firearms, unless the packages be accompanied by a certificate of the ministry of the interior of Greece permitting the importation of the arms in question, has been sent out by Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart.

Mr. Stewart calls attention to a letter from the postal administration of Greece stating that any firearms sent to Greece without the permission of the ministry of the interior, and for which no certificate of the ministry of the interior of Greece is presented within a month, will be returned to the place from which they were mailed.

**WOULD DOUBLE R. R. TAXES.**

Virginia House of Delegates Votes to Increase Assessment.

**Special Dispatch to The Star.**  
RICHMOND, Va., March 13.—Delegates of the House of Delegates today offered a resolution, which was adopted, virtually directing the state corporation commission to assess the railroads at not less than \$300,000,000, calling attention to sections of the constitution on the subject. Holding that the "commission has misconstrued and misinterpreted" the meaning of the basic law, the resolution declares that the value of the property is more than double the amount of assessments.

Railroad lawyers in the lobbies were reported that she had received \$100,000 in increased taxes on railroads were increased about \$300,000 a year, narrowly missing an increase by double that sum.

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